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RCE# 1616

**REQUEST
FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
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Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000,
provides for continued examination of a utility or plant application
filed on or after June 8, 1995.
See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number	09/729,579
Filing Date	December 4, 2000
First Named Inventor	Phillip A. Moore, Jr.
Group Art Unit	1616
Examiner Name	Levy, Neil S.
Attorney Docket Number	07037.0010US

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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See *Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice*, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. **Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on
Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on
- iii. ☐ Other *****
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply 02/26/2004 JADD01 00000070 140629 09729579
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) 02 FC:1801 20.00 DA 750.00 OP
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☐ Other *****

2. **Miscellaneous**

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37. C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of ***** months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other *****

3. **Fees**

- a. ☐ Check in the amount of \$***** enclosed for the fees designated below.
- b. ☒ Payment by credit card in the amount of \$2760.00 for the fees designated below. (Form PTO-2038 enclosed).
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- c. ☐ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the amount of \$**** for the fees designated below to Deposit Account No. 14-0629.
- d. ☒ Fees
- ☒ \$750.00 RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
- ☒ \$2010.00 Five (5) month Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
- ☐ Other *****
- e. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 14-0629.

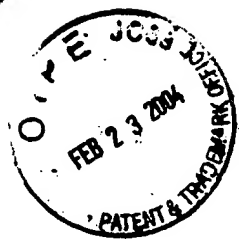
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Phillip A. Moore, Jr.

Application No.: 09/729,579

Filed: December 4, 2000

For: **"METHODS FOR TREATING
MANURE"**

Art Unit: 1616

Examiner: Levy, Neil S.

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REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir:

In complete response to the Office Action dated January 21, 2003, please consider the Remarks that follow. This Reply is being submitted in the form authorized by revised 37 C.F.R. § 1.121.

The current **Listing of Claims** begins on page two (2) of this paper.

The **Remarks** begin on page six (6) of this paper.